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Rev. G. Laviolette, O.M.I., Editor



ROMA-Madonna di C. Dolci.

The Indian Missionary Record wishes its friends
A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year 1944



Indian Missions,
Ville LaSalle, P.Q.,
December 8, 1943.

Dear Father Laviolette:

It affords me great pleasure to congratulate you for the splendid development of the INDIAN MISSIONARY RECORD. I sincerely hope that the Missionaries and wards under their care likewise appreciate this unique review of Indian activities and show in a substantial way by increased subscriptions such appreciation. I, for one, wish to do my little share and hereby enclose my own subscription for a few years.

Through your medium may I be allowed to extend to all missionaries, school principals, sisters in schools and hospitals and all dear Indians at home, in schools or hospitals my very best wishes for Christmas and the coming Year. May the Infant Jesus and His Blessed Mother watch over all of them ever, help and guide them heavenward!

With a choice blessing and the assurance of my devotion to the Indian cause, I remain,

Most cordially yours in J.C. and M.I.,
† J. GUY, O.M.I.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, Kenora, Ontario suggested the writing of the above letter. We wish to add that this school will be sending to all its ex-pupils complimentary copies of our Christmas issue; hoping this will be a means of renewing contact with hundreds of former pupils.

The St. Mary's School, Kenora, wishes to have photos, (2 x 4 inches) of all its ex-pupils, with a view of making a picture gallery of them at the school.

RECORDING OF CREE HYMNS

The recordings of Cree hymns made at the Duck Lake Indian School, Sask., are very popular, and they indeed deserve this. They are beautiful and are a definite contribution to the realm of religious music. These can be had at the school, at one dollar each. (There are 3 records).

Among the hymns recorded are: "Mamitchiwin Marie, Miyo Jesus, Ota Ukaristiwinik, Ekwa Ayisiyinitik," and two others.

We always have time for the things that are important to us, and if we have no time for prayer we had better realign our values.

EDITOR'S LETTER:—

Lebret, Sask.,
Dec. 8th, 1943.

Dear Readers:

This is an appeal to the ex-pupils of all Catholic Indian Schools. We address ourselves specially to them in the hope that we will strike a responsive note in their hearts.

For nearly sixty years the work of the Missionaries among the Indians has been furthered in no small degree by the teachings and the training they have received in the schools. The Fathers and Sisters have worked for three generations to the welfare of the body and of the soul of thousands in these schools.

The education you have received, my friends, reflects on all your life. Remember the happy days you spent in school; ask yourselves to what extent you have shown your gratitude towards those who have devoted their untiring efforts for your benefit. The best way to express your gratefulness is to keep in frequent contact with your Missionaries and with the Principal of your School. Most of you, anyway, have children or grandchildren in these same schools, so it is an easy matter. For those who have not this contact, renew it immediately. Let us hear from you. The Indian Missionary Record welcomes your correspondence. Write to the school principal, giving news of yourself, your family. He will transmit to the editor of the I.M. Record news of interest.

If you have not yet subscribed to your Indian magazine, "The Indian Missionary Record", do so now.

With every good wish for a Happy and Holy and Prosperous New Year, in behalf of your Missionaries and of my own self,

I remain yours truly,

Fr. G. Laviolette, O.M.I.,
Editor of the I.M.R.

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Thank you sincerely; may God bless you all!

Contributions in Cree and Sautaux are most welcome. Typewrite and double space manuscripts. Thank you.

NEWS BRIEFS

INDIAN SCHOOL DESTROYED BY FIRE

ONION LAKE, Sask., Dec. 3.—The Anglican Indian Res. school was destroyed by fire. The inmates and pupils (120) were able to get out of the building without injury, but the loss incurred is estimated at \$100,000. The school was built in 1925. The children from outlying reserves were housed temporarily in the nearby Catholic Res. school, until they are given other school accommodation.

MOUNDED IN SICILY

RETURNS HOME

LESTOCK (Punnichy) Sask.—Pte. Alexander Poorman, of the Poorman reserve, returned home in the hospital train recently; his right ankle was hit by mortar shrapnel in Sicily. He wears the crusader badge of the Eighth Army.

75 INDIANS IN INDUSTRY

Indians from various reserves in Sask., are reported working in pulpwood plants and logging camps. More than 75 have gone to Manitoba camps, and many others are working in Sask.

This employment is for winter months only, and the Indians will be free to return to their farms in the spring. Twenty-five are at Kapuskasing, Ont. Most of the Indians engaged in lumber camps are from the Carlton, Duck Lake and Onion Lake Agencies.

Indians have been employed in camps for the last three years and their work is entirely satisfactory. Many others work in mills and are employed by white farmers for the winter.

SLEIGH MISHAP AWARD MADE

BROADVIEW, Sask., Nov. 4.—Mr. Emmanuel Lerat, and his wife, Barbara, were awarded \$400 and \$1,510 in a judgment early in November, for injuries sustained when their sleigh was hit by a car in February 1942.



Sister Madeleine Laliberté, novice in the order of the Assumption. Sister Laliberté is from the Meadow Lake Indian Reserve. The photo is taken at Thunderchild school, Delmas, Sask.

WHITE BEAR RED CROSS ACTIVITIES

Last June, for English relief, the Homemakers Club at Carlyle, Sask. Reserve, have made 7 quilts: Mrs. Andrew Jimmie, Jos. McArthur, James Maxie (2), the C.G.I.T. girls, and the staff (2); Mrs. Jack Sheepskin made a dress.

July Indian sports netted \$160 for the Red Cross: Booth \$120, Sports \$15, Mrs. Sunkawaste: Quilt sale \$7.75, Quilt raffle \$16.25, Andy Kekekoway \$1.

17 club members canned 513 quarts of fruit and jams of all varieties, a new and successful venture.

The Indian Affairs Branch of the Department of Mines and Resources has received through the Royal Canadian Mounted Police a cheque for \$330.00 donated by the Old Crow Indians of Yukon Territories. Chief Peter Moses and the Council of the Old Crows donated this money to the Canadian Red Cross to be used for the relief of Chinese people suffering as a result of the war.

INDIAN BOYS FATALLY BURNED

THE PAS, Man., Nov. 5.—Duncan Linklater, 9, and Daniel Moar, 8, were fatally burned in a gunpowder fire which they ignited without knowing what it was, on Oct. 27. The efforts of the school teacher, A. E. Kroeger, to save the children, were vain. A third boy, Johnny Spence, 9, heeding his mother's outcry, threw himself in water, and escaped with face and hand burns.

INDIAN RATION PROBLEM SOLVED

CHICAGO, Illinois, Nov. 10.—Approximately a hundred Indians who shuttle back and forth between N. W. Ontario and Minnesota, and who are Canadian subjects had a serious ration book problem. This was finally solved by OPA by giving the Canadian Indians U.S. ration books 3 and 4 who will use them at Baudette, Minn., while the storekeepers will take up the Canadian ration books and return them to Dominion authorities until the Indians return home in the spring.

WILD BUFFALO STILL ROAM IN SASKATCHEWAN, AS IN THE 1880's

Some time ago a giant buffalo bull was seen at the Planz farm, near Coronach. The animal followed a herd of cattle into the yard one evening and, after the cattle were herded into the corral for the night, the buffalo bull stayed with them.

The bull couldn't have liked the surroundings, for during the night he decided to leave. He pushed his head through the fence and forced his way out, carrying part of the fence with him.

EDMONTON, Nov. 12.—Three children were burned to death on the Michel Ind. Res. and John Leo Breland, father of two of them, died of burns in the Edmonton hospital. Mrs. Breland was seriously burned too.

Kenora, Ont., Indian Mission News

Rat Portage, Ont.: Pte. Napoleon Kakeeway was home on leave. — Born: to Jos. Sinclair and Mary Agnes Kopiness, a daughter, Mary Grace.

Marson: Bob Tuesday is back from Winnipeg; Pte. J. Archie home on leave; George Bob away at Crow Portage, working; Alex. Bluebird was away in November; Marie Komigon visits her mother; Bessie Archie is working at Gibbon's. Joe Jack is still ill, but cheerful; Thomas Tuesday entered Cecilia Jeffery School; Christina Andy entered St. Mary's.

Crow Portage: Albert Prince has recovered after his car accident; Ruby Kopiness traps every day, which is improving her health. Norman Kelly's son is still working in the U.S. Dick Kelly was visiting his son recently. Jas. Philip Kelly has been exempted from military service. John Bob was out guiding; he saw many bears and killed a moose.

Whitefish Bay: The road on the portage is good; trapping and fishing are good. Births: to Wm. Gauthier and Mary Jane Kelly, a daughter, Rosalene; to Malcolm Jack and Rosie Kelly, a daughter, Lillian. We expect Pte. J. Cowley home soon. Father Dorge, O.M.I., spent a week on the Reserve.

Eagle Lake: Albert Kavanaugh was visiting his children. A child was born to Maurice Sandan and Sarah George. Gladys Lands is visiting her sisters, Mdes. Moorc and Gardner.

Vermilion Bay: Thomas Favel has completed his new house. We hear that Mrs. Evelyn Mayawasis is recovering at the San.

Wabigoon: Peter Parenteau was drowned accidentally last month. Fortunately he was prepared for death, as he was a practical Catholic who never neglected receiving Communion when able to do so. He leaves his wife Sarah and three children to mourn him.

One Man's Lake: Most of the Indians from White Dog and Swan have passed this way to their trapping lines. John Smith was away visiting his daughter in Kenora.

Kenora, Ont.: George Bluebird was lost three days in the woods; when found, he was taken to hospital, where he is recuperating from the effects of exposure and cold.

McIntosh Missions, Ont.

BISHOP'S VISIT

Grassy Narrows: Father Lacelles preached the retreat preparatory to the Bishop's visit on Sept. 17. On the 21st, Archbishop Cabana, of St. Boniface, arrived from Kenora by plane, accompanied by Father Lahaye.

The Archbishop addressed the congregation and was interpreted by Fr. Lacelle, O.M.I., in Otchipwe language. In the evening the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered. The Archbishop celebrated the Mass on the next day, and gave Communion to the faithful. He was then the guest of Mr. Smith, Hudson Bay Post factor, for dinner.

R.I.P.—Mrs. William Fisher died on Oct. 20.

Willie Land is now overseas.

Miss Mary-Jane Loon, wife of the late Frank Meshkodjikijik is back from the Fisher River San. She is now at McIntosh.

Red Lake, Ont.: A great number of Indians of Red Lake, Lake Seul and of Pikangikum (an Indian Reserve 80 miles north of Red Lake), have worked during the summer and fall at the Red Lake gold mines. Over 30 were working at the Cochenour mine. The employers are very satisfied with the Indians working at the mines.

Fort Frances, Ont., Mission News.

Nov., 1943.—The "dead line" was our standing mark in The Indian Missionary issue of October, but this time we mean to line up with the "living". So here we are with words of thanks and cheer towards the activities of our Mission, so ably kept on by the constant and charitable endeavours of our Knights of Columbus and Ladies of St. Anne.

If you were to visit our Mission church, you would see the beautiful statue of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, which has lately been donated by the Ladies of St. Ann, and also a prized, lovely Missal, last edition, a gift of The Knights of Columbus.

Several games of bingo were held, with an average of \$40.00 profit each. One was for the benefit of the sick members of the Mission, and the others were for charitable purposes.

Worthy of mention also is the thoughtful help given to our schoolmates, Lucy and Conrad Morsseau, when charitable members of the Mission paid their fare to Fort William, where both had the consolation of visiting their sick mother. Rev. Fr. Principal went with them, and for a couple of days the poor mother's heart was made cheerful by the presence of her two children, a blessing she surely gratefully appreciated.

On November 17 the saddest news arrived, when we heard that Eddie Morisseau, an ex-pupil of our school, and a brother of Lucy and Conrad, had been killed. In an effort to cross the street on his bicycle, around 9 p.m., Eddie was struck by a car and thrown on the sidewalk. Unconscious, he was taken to the hospital, where he died the next morning at 2 o'clock. The funeral took place on Saturday, Nov. 20, in our Mission church. A great number of parents and friends attended. The Requiem Mass was sung by Fr. Chatelain, O.M.I., whilst the choir boys and girls of the school lent a prayerful note to the loving remembrance of their young departed friend. R.I.P.

UNIQUE MISSION CHAPEL

At Tokio, N. Dakota, a former railroad coach has been transformed into a chapel dedicated to Christ the King. The front vestibule leads into a new porch which supports a steeple. The rear vestibule leads into a small vestry. The chapel is on the Devil's Lake Indian Reservation (Sioux), in care of the Benedictine Fathers.

News from St. Philips Sask.

A sad accident occurred near Kamsack, on Oct. 2, when Hubert Kakekeway was killed by the train. Burial and Mass were at St. Philips, on Oct. 4th and 5th.

Honora Irene, baby daughter of Pte. and Mrs. J. D. Cote, was buried at St. Philips, on Oct. 13.

On Oct. 25, in the school chapel, Rev. Father Tetrault, Principal, solemnized the marriage of Rose Adele Kitcimonie and Alex Caldwell. Evelyn Caldwell and Edgar Kitcimonie were witnesses. All received Holy Communion at the marriage Mass.

Dr. Simes and Nurse Graham visited the school on Oct. 27th and 28th. Many people from the Reserve came in to be examined. Dr. Simes brought two children back with him to the hospital in Fort Qu'Appelle.

Rev. Father D. Poulet arrived here on Nov. 2nd, to preach the pupils' retreat. The retreat opened that very evening, with the singing of the Veni Creator, and lasted three days. The children were attentive and Father Poulet was very instructive and convincing. He spoke in English and Saulteaux. A spiritual bouquet was presented him before he left us to return to his mission in Elphin-stone, Man.

Albert Qwewezance and Marie Leclair were married by Father Bousquet, in the school chapel, on Nov. 8. The bride and groom were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Qwewezance.

Rebina Ann, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wapash, was baptized on Nov. 7. Sponsors were Joe Brass Sr. and Elizabeth Wapash.

Levina Elizabeth and Shirley Olive, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Brass, of Key Reserve, were baptized on Nov. 7. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Qwewezance.

Mrs. George Brass, nee Susan Key, was received into the church by Father Bousquet, on Nov. 9. Sponsors were W. E. Monaghan and Mrs. Alice Barton. Immediately after her baptism, Father Bousquet solemnized her marriage with George Brass. Witnesses for the marriage were Ambrose and Evelyn Musqua. All partook of a breakfast served by the Sisters in the staff dining room. Fathers Principal and Bousquet were present.

Father Florentin went to Key reserve on Nov. 14, to celebrate Mass in the home of Joe Brass Sr. He was accompanied by Rev. Bro. Bruyere. On Sunday, Nov. 28, he returned, this time with Bro. deGrandpre.

Rev. Fr. Principal was called to the bedside of his dying mother, on Nov. 26. He and his father, Mr. Tetrault, left immediately for Gravelbourg, Sask. We all remember his dear mother in our prayers.

Mr. Henry Severight, of Cote reserve, has left for National Mills. Before leaving, he paid a visit to his children at the school, Annabelle and John C. Severight.

Albert Brass, of Key reserve, has gone fishing to Pine Creek, Man.

St. Philips Cadet Corps No. 1948, is soon to start rifle firing practice. All the cadets are very anxious to show their skill or perhaps, better, to acquire skill in target shooting. All necessary equipment for this and other practice work, has been received from the District Cadet Officer, Headquarters M.D. 12, Regina, Sask.

Duck Lake, Sask.

Since the outbreak of war, we have recorded the number of 55 men and women, ex-pupils of the Duck Lake Indian School, who have volunteered in His Majesty's Services: 47 men and 8 women. It was realized that 9 out of the 47 men were rejected on account of their health by the Military Medical Board. Thirty of the boys are now overseas, serving in various countries, and one girl, Pte. Mary Greyeyes, who has served with the C.W.A.C. for the past two years and five months; frequent news is heard from them, in which all say that their general health is good.

Beardy's Reserve: L/Cpl. C. Thomas, who fought at Vimy Ridge during the last war, was back home on a 14 days leave, after serving for the past 2 years in Scotland, with the Forestry Corps. He is now back with his unit and is stationed in B.C.

A pretty wedding was solemnized in the chapel of St. Michael's school, when Miss Flora Gamble, second eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gamble became the bride of Ernest Mike, son of Mrs. Flora Mike. Rev. Father G. Labonté, O.M.I., blessed their union.

Muskeg Lake Reserve: Miss Flora Greyeyes, who has volunteered with the R.C.A.F., is now visiting home on a few days leave, and also Pte. Beatrice Lafond and Pte. Josephine and Pte. Esther Greyeyes, all of the C.W.A.C.

QU'APPELLE MISSION NEWS

Pasqua I.R., Muscow, Sask.: Geo. Wm. Thorne passed away suddenly on Nov. 26, and was buried Nov. 27. He leaves to mourn, his wife, nee Mary Dumont, a son, John, and a daughter, Mrs. M. Tourangeau. At the funeral were present: Francis Dumont, Mr. and Mrs. William Yuzicapi, Mr. and Mrs. H. Towne and many others, including Pte. Malcolm Tourangeau.

Muscowpetung I.R.: John Anaquod, who was working in a Manitoba lumber camp, 100 miles north of The Pas, took ill and was operated on in The Pas hospital. He is home, convalescing.

Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask.: Mrs. Rosabelle Robertson (nee Rider), Reg.N., is now at the Fort hospital. She was at Norway House, Man. Her husband is serving overseas. She is a daughter of Chas. Rider, Jr., of the Assiniboine Res., Sinteluta, Sask.

Piapot Res.: A bingo was held on Nov. 14, for the benefit of the older members of the band; a dinner will be served to them on Dec. 12. Proceeds amounted to \$14.

Assiniboine Reserve, Sinteluta, Sask., Dec. 5th:—A Basket Social and Bingo raised the sum of \$22 for the boys overseas. Paul Moonface sent \$6 worth of cigarettes.—**Red Cross:** collection Nov. 19, pie social and bingo Dec. 5, \$5 given by Philip Ironstar, all totalled \$40 and was sent to headquarters in Regina, Dec. 5th. Reported by J. Haywahe, Pres., and P. J. Moonface, Sec.-Treas.

The school children collected \$12 for the Milk for Britain Fund this fall.

Indian School, Lebret, Sask.

On November 7, a farewell concert was held for our ex-principal, Father Maurice deBretagne. All classes contributed to the program to pay tribute to the noble work done by him during the years that he was Principal of the Indian School here. A Spiritual Bouquet was presented by the pupils. Father Laviolette made the presentation of a bound volume of the Indian Missionary Record, and, on behalf of all the members of the staff, a fine portable typewriter. In closing, Father deBretagne gave an inspirational talk. Besides members of the staff and their families, several Fathers from the Scholasticate and Parish were present.

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The skating rink is being flooded in preparation for the hockey season. During the month, Father Principal has organized several card parties for the entertainment of the pupils. Sister Greyeyes and Sister Michaud are conducting the Senior Girls' sewing and knitting course. At present, the sewing class is making costumes for the coming Christmas Concert.

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The manual training course for the Senior Boys is now well under way, with Mr. Joseph Herperger as instructor. The boys have the use of the large shop, where they do woodwork in two groups. They are making toys and gifts for Christmas. They are also planning to make card tables for some of Father Piché's missions. All through the year the boys are receiving training in poultry raising. A successful season of gardening has been completed.

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On November 25, Feast of St. Catherine, the grade 3 and 4 girls held a program, dramatizing the story of Rumpelstiltskin. In another short play, the pupils showed the audience how many apples Adam and Eve ate from the forbidden tree. Pupils and teachers from the other classrooms were invited. Father Principal treated all present to toffee.

MARIEVAL MISSIONS NEWS

Crooked Lakes Agency, Sask.—17 young men are gone to Kapuskasing Lumber Mills for the winter.—Chicken pox is still afflicting the children; but the school is now out of quarantine.—Joseph Pelletier died in September at the age of 69; he was an oldtimer of the Cowesses Reserve.—On October 28th we celebrated our Principal at the school; the children gave a concert and the Missionaries from Lebret were our guests.—On Nov. 15th we had the visit of Fr. L. Poirier, O.M.I., Principal of Sturgeon-Landing School, Man.—Mrs. Napoleon Pelletier who died on November 4th, was buried on the 6th.—On November 14th a Bingo party was held, proceeds of which were divided between the church and the Red Cross.

WOLFE LAKE METIS COLONY, GARTH, ALBERTA

The Metis of Wolfe Lake expect to have their school finished and opened next summer. A new Church is also planned. There are now 15 families in the colony, and provisions are made for the resettlement of 35 more families. The land is good for farming; and when, in four or five years the leases of the whites will be ended on the trap-lines, additional income is expected. Wolfe Lake is an ideal spot for the Metis to establish themselves, and a welcome is extended to all wandering families to settle there. Rev. F. E. Lacombe, O.M.I., is in charge of the Colony.

KEEHEEWIN RESERVE (Cree) ALTA.

Peyak oskínikiskew ota otchi Christina Amahoos mistahi akusiw kayas otchi ekwa peyatik e ati miwayat, ekwa onikihiwa miweyitamiyiwa. Ni wi ayamihestamawan wipatch ki ta miwayat.

On the 21st of October His Excellency the Archbishop of Edmonton wrote to Father Lacombe as follows: "I am glad to hear that the blessing of the Cross and the foundation of the Pilgrimage to St. Joseph proved to be such a great success. I feel sure that this success will be greater and greater as the years go by."

SADDLE LAKE MISSION, ALTA.

A new chief was elected with four councillors last July. They are: Georges Hunter (Chief, Catholic); Johnny Paskweyack, Ralph Shirt, (both Catholics, Councillors), and Ralph Steinhauer, Augustin Steinhauer (Protestants, Councillors). We hope for a greater improvement on the Reserve; the chief is a successful farmer, he has all the machinery he needs, including a tractor and a threshing machine. He has harvested 6,000 bushels of grain to feed pigs, horses and cattle. Ralph Steinhauer is also a good farmer, and is well informed. Johnny Paskweyack is one of the most prosperous farmers; the two other councillors are also good farmers, and we hope, therefore that the affairs of the Reserve will be well handled.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, 1942

The annual 1942 report of the Dept. of Indian Affairs mentions 78 residential schools with a roll of 8,840 pupils, (average attendance, 8,283) and 197 Day Schools with a roll of 8,441 pupils (average attendance 5,837). Expenditures for day schools \$336,092.56; for residential schools: \$1,455,097.08. Which means that every residential school pupil costs an average of \$175 plus, and the day school pupils: \$57 plus, yearly.

Life in itself is most simple; it is only we who complicate it.

Exciting
Dramas
OF
Truth

Timeless TOPIX

THE GROTTO
AT LOURDES, FRANCE.
MARCH, 1858.

THERE HAVE
BEEN MANY CURES
AT THE MIRACULOUS
SPRING.

YOU CAN TELL
BY HER FACE THAT
BERNADETTE SEES
THE BLESSED
VIRGIN.

WE CAN DENY
THE CURES NO
LONGER, BARON
MASSY.

BAH!
SUPERSTITIONS!
THEN WE MUST UNDERMINE
THEM, COMMISSIONER
JACOMET.

ROMAN DATES

concluding The Song of Bernadette

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THEY RESORT TO FRAUD AND VIOLENCE. THEY SAY THE WATER FROM THE SPRING CONTAINS CURATIVE MINERALS. THEY ACCUSE THE PRIESTS OF SECRETLY FOOLING THE PEOPLE, TO GET MONEY. THEY BOARD UP THE GROTTO AND FORBID PEOPLE TO GO NEAR IT.

BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT CHEMIST IN FRANCE SAYS....

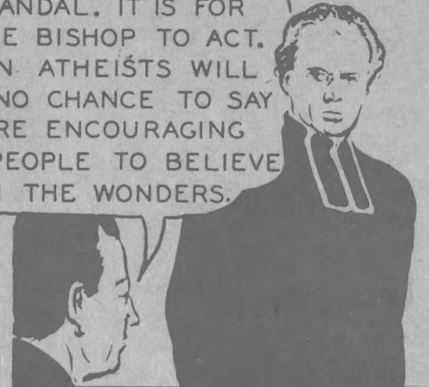
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY
JULY 10, 1858

This water does not contain any active substance capable of endowing it with curative virtues.

W. J. Lohol.
Aug 7th 1858
Chief Chemist

THE BISHOP IS WISE IN FORBIDDING PRIESTS TO GO NEAR THE GROTTO.

WE MUST DO NOTHING TO CAUSE SCANDAL. IT IS FOR THE BISHOP TO ACT. THEN ATHEISTS WILL HAVE NO CHANCE TO SAY WE ARE ENCOURAGING THE PEOPLE TO BELIEVE IN THE WONDERS.



FINALLY....

A LETTER FROM PREFECT MASSY, MR. DUTOUR. HE ORDERS ME TO LOCK UP BERNADETTE AS INSANE. WHAT CAN I DO? WHAT WILL THE PEOPLE SAY?

I AM THE IMPERIAL PROSECUTOR. LOCKING HER UP WOULD BE LEGAL, FATHER.

BERNADETTE IS SANE AND THE BARON'S DOCTORS FOUND HER SO!

LET US ASK FATHER PEYRAMALE.

IT'S MONSTROUS! TELL BARON MASSY HIS GENDARMES WILL HAVE TO CROSS MY DEAD BODY BEFORE THEY TOUCH A HAIR OF THIS LITTLE GIRL'S HEAD!

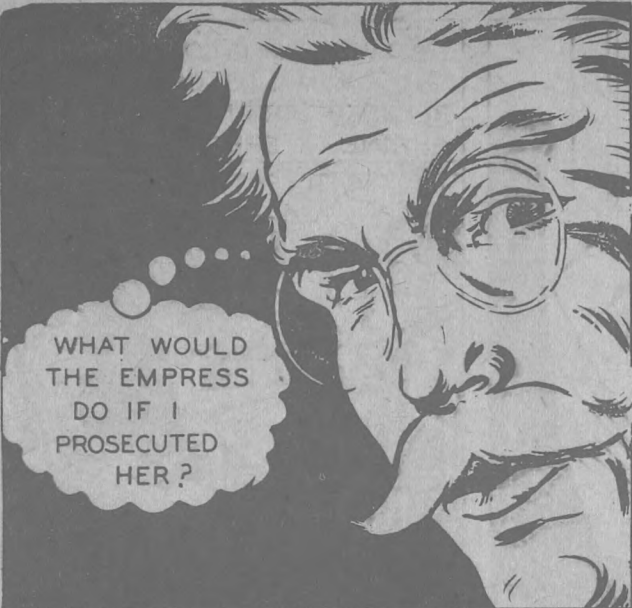
BUT I HAVE MY ORDERS...

MEANWHILE AT THE GROTTO TO GET WATER..


YOU ARE UNDER ARREST! WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

I AM THE WIFE OF ADMIRAL BRUAT, THE GOVERNESS OF HIS HIGHNESS, THE PRINCE IMPERIAL.


JULY 16, THE FEAST OF OUR LADY
OF CARMEL. IT IS THE VIRGIN'S 18TH
AND LAST APPARITION TO BERNADETTE.



WHAT WOULD
THE EMPRESS
DO IF I
PROSECUTED
HER?




SHE IS BIDDING
ME FAREWELL
UNTIL WE MEET
IN HEAVEN.



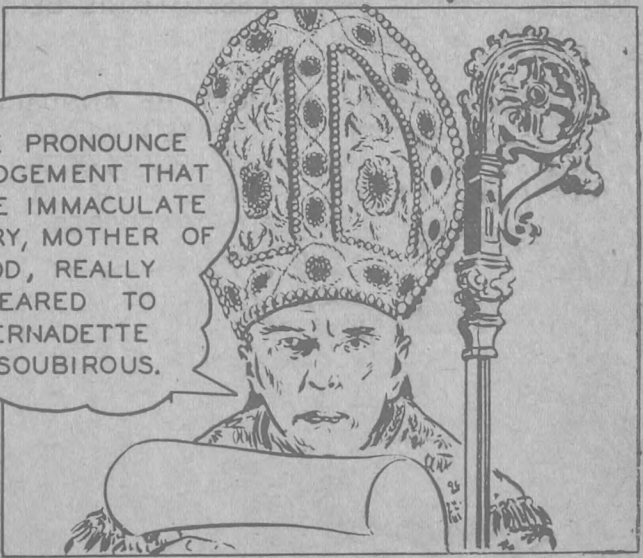
I AM SURE IT IS
TIME FOR ACTION,
BISHOP LAURENCE.

THROUGH PRUDENCE,
FATHER PEYRAMALE, I HAVE
WAITED LONG. I WILL NOW
APPOINT A COMMISSION
OF INVESTIGATION.



AMONG HUNDREDS OF CURES
WE HAVE SELECTED THESE
FIFTEEN WHICH ARE
UNDENIABLY SUPERNATURAL.

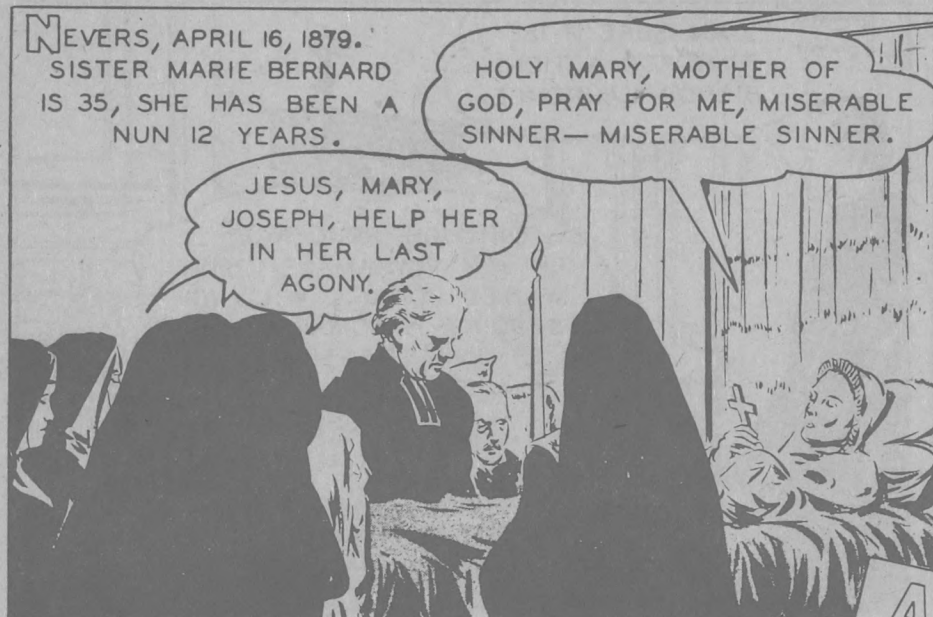
THREE YEARS LATER, BISHOP LAURENCE.



WE PRONOUNCE
JUDGEMENT THAT
THE IMMACULATE
MARY, MOTHER OF
GOD, REALLY
APPEARED TO
BERNADETTE
SOUBIROUS.



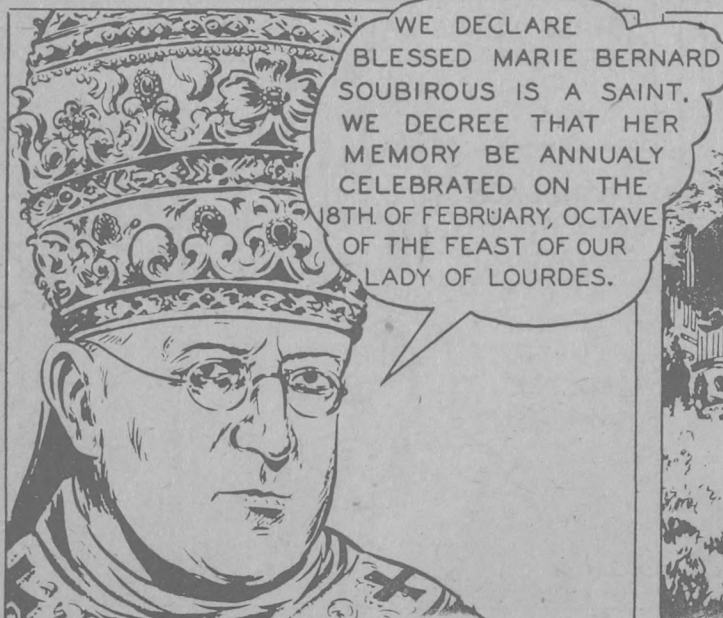
SO ATHEISM IS CONFOUNDED; THE COMMANDS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN OBEYED. A SHRINE IS ERECTED.



ON DEC. 8, 1933. BERNADETTE IS CANONIZED.

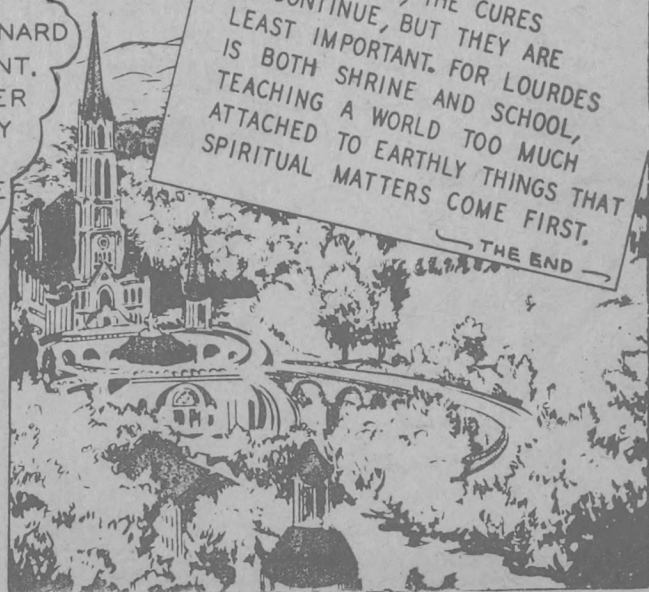
HER STILL UNCORRUPT BODY IS ENTHRONED IN THE CONVENT CHAPEL.

THERE IT LIES TODAY.



AT LOURDES, THE CURES CONTINUE, BUT THEY ARE LEAST IMPORTANT. FOR LOURDES IS BOTH SHRINE AND SCHOOL, TEACHING A WORLD TOO MUCH ATTACHED TO EARTHLY THINGS THAT SPIRITUAL MATTERS COME FIRST.

THE END





FUN & GAMES



"E" for Excellence

This Month's Contest

YOU have often read about war plants in the United States being awarded the Army and Navy "E" for Excellence—a flag which they proudly fly above their factories. Here is your opportunity to win an "E" for Excellence, yourself—but you have to work for it.

At the bottom of this page you will see a large "E", divided into eight parts. If you are really smart, you will be able to make a square out of these pieces—and win your pennant. Cut out the pieces (or, if you don't want to spoil your copy of TIMELESS TOPIX, trace them on to another sheet of paper and use that). See if you can make a square from the eight pieces.

Important: In order to make the square, two of the pieces will have to be turned over on their back. An error in drawing one of the dividing lines in the "E" has made this necessary, so you won't be able to make the square just by re-arranging the pieces, face up, as they appear. Don't forget—two pieces will have to be turned over with the shaded side down.

When you have completed the square, paste the pieces on a sheet of paper, write your name, address, age, and school in the upper left-hand corner, and mail your entry to The Contest Editor, CATHOLIC YOUTH, 67 Bond Street, Toronto, Ontario. All the correct answers received will be placed in a hat, and a crisp new One Dollar bill will be awarded to the three

lucky boys or girls whose entries are picked from the hat. The contest closes on **January 15th**, so be sure that your entry reaches the Contest Editor before that time.

Tangram Puzzle Winners

THE Contest Editor is proud to announce the winners of the Tangram Puzzle, which was printed in the October issue of TIMELESS TOPIX. Many

very interesting and original entries were submitted, and the Contest Editor and his staff had a very hard time picking the winners. However, it seemed that five entries stood out above all the rest, for their originality and neatness, so those five were awarded the prizes.

Congratulations to:

Pauline Ladouceur (Age 14),
St. Clare's School,
Windsor, Ontario.

Billy Fero (Age 9),
St. Joseph's School,
Port Arthur, Ontario.

Henri Blondeau (Age 12),
Domremy School No. 3595,
Domremy, Saskatchewan.

Harvey Lalonde (Age 15),
St. Columban's School,
Cornwall, Ontario.

Inez Wedge (Age 15),
Notre Dame Convent,
Miscouche, P.E.I.

A crisp, new, One Dollar bill is in the mail to each of the above successful contestants. Why don't you try the "E" for Excellence Contest this

month, and maybe you will win a prize, too?

Win the
"E"
for Excellence

Make a Square
from
these pieces

The Clever Lawyer

A COUNTRY lawyer was made responsible, in a farmer's will, for the dividing of an estate. The will said that the farmer's three sons were to divide his horses so that Alfred received half of them, Bob received one-third of them, and Charlie received one-ninth of them. When the farmer died, he had only 17 horses. Can you divide the horses between the three sons, as the farmer wished, so that each will be satisfied with his share and without dividing one of the horses into pieces? The lawyer succeeded in working out the puzzle for them. You try it. After you have a solution, or if you are stumped, you can find out how he did it by reading the answer at the bottom of the first column.

The Lawyer Did It

The country lawyer was a very smart man. To please the sons and to divide the estate evenly, he gave them a horse from his own stable, making 18 horses in all. Then he gave Alfred half of them (9), Bob one-third of them (6), and Charlie one-ninth of them (2). Then he found that he had one horse left, so he took it back, and everybody was happy.

Louis IX

**KING OF
FRANCE**

BORN  DIED
1215 - 1270



"With the eyes of my faith, I see Christ in the Host"



QUEEN BLANCHE, THE BOY'S MOTHER, COMES TO COMFORT HIM.

LOUIS, WE MUST BOTH BE BRAVE. A KING DOES NOT CRY AND YOU ARE NOW KING OF FRANCE. COME, LET US GO MEET YOUR SUBJECTS.

ALWAYS BE KIND TO YOUR PEOPLE, SON, AND REMEMBER THAT I WOULD RATHER SEE YOU DEAD AT MY FEET, THAN EVER GUILTY OF A MORTAL SIN.

I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER!

FOR THE NEXT EIGHT YEARS, HIS MOTHER RULES FOR HIM, WHILE THE YOUNG KING STUDIES WITH THE BEST SCHOLARS OF THE KINGDOM.

BUT WHY DO I HAVE TO LEARN SO MANY LAWS?

HOW CAN YOU ADMINISTER JUSTICE TO ALL, UNLESS YOU KNOW WHAT THE LAWS ARE?

---I CROWN YOU LOUIS IX, KING OF FRANCE.

EAT WELL, MY BROTHERS.

THE KING FEEDS HUNDREDS OF US EVERY DAY.

YES, AND HE EATS THE FOOD THAT WE LEAVE!

At 19, LOUIS MARRIES MARGUERITE OF PROVENCE.



FREDERICK II IMPRISONS THE FRENCH ARCHBISHOPS ON THEIR WAY TO ATTEND A GENERAL COUNCIL IN ROME.

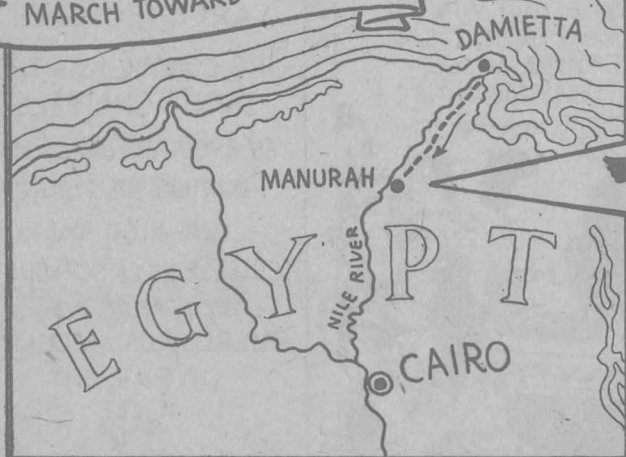
LOUIS BECOMES SO VEXED AT THIS, THAT HE THREATENS REPRISALS TO FREDERICK, UNLESS THEY ARE RELEASED.

THIS IS EVENTUALLY DONE, AND ONCE AGAIN, LOUIS IX SHOWS HIS ZEAL FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

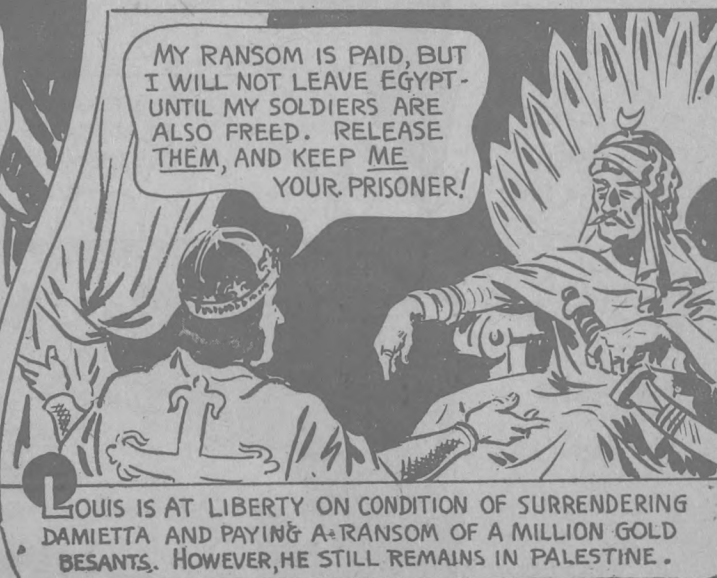




BY JUNE 7, 1249, THE CRUSADERS ARE IN A POSITION TO ATTACK EGYPT. THEY TAKE DAMIETTA IN THEIR FIRST GREAT BATTLE AND START THEIR MARCH TOWARD CAIRO.



FIGHTING IN THE STREETS OF MANURAH, THE KING'S ADVANCE GUARD, LED BY HIS BROTHER, MEETS DEFEAT.



Louis

SPENDS FOUR YEARS IN PALESTINE BARGAINING FOR THE RELEASE OF THE OTHER PRISONERS - ONE DAY IN 1254, HE RECEIVES A LETTER FROM HOME TELLING OF HIS MOTHER'S DEATH.

I MUST RETURN TO FRANCE IMMEDIATELY!

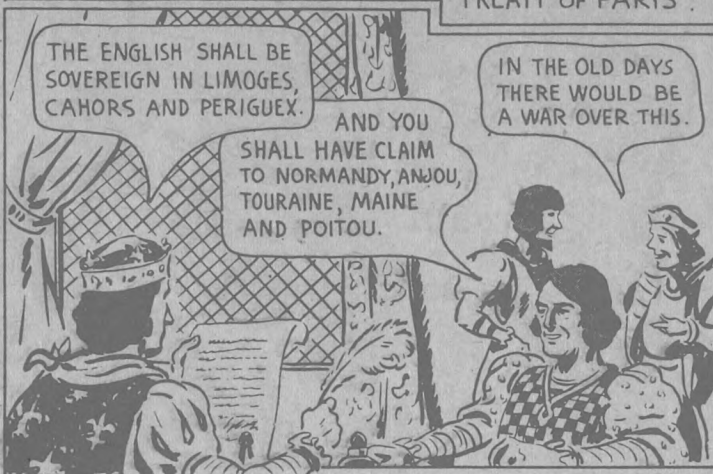


LOUIS GOES BACK TO FRANCE AND RULES FOR MANY YEARS, WELL AND WISELY. A LOVER OF PEACE, HE DESIRES TO END CONFLICTS AND RENOUNCE THE CAUSES OF WAR. ON MAY 28, 1258 HE SIGNS THE TREATY OF PARIS.

THE ENGLISH SHALL BE SOVEREIGN IN LIMOGES, CAHORS AND PERIGUEUX.

AND YOU SHALL HAVE CLAIM TO NORMANDY, ANJOU, TOURAINE, MAINE AND POITOU.

IN THE OLD DAYS THERE WOULD BE A WAR OVER THIS.



CHRISTMAS DAY LOUIS TELLS HIS CHILDREN THE STORY OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.

WHEN A PAGE ENTERS.

MY LORD, COME QUICK! A MIRACLE IN THE CHAPEL! WE ALL SAW THE CHRIST CHILD IN THE SACRED HOST!

GOD IS GOOD TO SO HONOR THIS HOUSE. BUT WITH THE EYES OF MY FAITH, I SEE CHRIST THERE MYSELF EVERY MORNING.



THE KING FOUNDS MANY HOSPITALS AND IS A PATRON OF ARCHITECTURE.

HE CONSTRUCTS THE SAINTE CHAPPELLE, AN ARCHITECTURAL GEM, DURING HIS REIGN, AND ALSO THE "COLLEGE DE LA SORBONNE" THE SEAT OF THE THEOLOGICAL FACULTY OF PARIS



IN THE YEAR 1270 ON ANOTHER CRUSADE NEAR TUNIS

It is August 25th, every year on this day the Church celebrates the feast of Saint Louis. +++++

THE PLAGUE HAS STRUCK THE KING!

THE KING IS DEAD! LONG LIVE THE KING!



LOUIS IX KING OF FRANCE, WAS CANONIZED BY POPE BONIFACE VIII IN 1297

A GRACIOUS AND SAINTLY MAN, HE INCREASED THE PRESTIGE OF THE FRENCH MONARCHY FOR MANY YEARS. HE ALWAYS REMEMBERED THE INSTRUCTIONS OF HIS MOTHER ABOUT MORTAL SIN



This One is on Me!

Slack Season

When a Scottish barber was engaging a new assistant he pointed out: "I pay lower wages in the summer because the work's lighter."

"But surely people get their hair cut quite as often, if not oftener, in the summer than in the winter?" protested the applicant for the job.

"Ay," agreed the barber, "but you dinna ha'e to help them on wi' their overcoats."

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General Practitioner

Mrs. Snaggs—"Did I understand you to say Mrs. Perkins is interested in business?"

Mrs. Bitters—"Yes."

"What business is she interested in?"
"Everybody's!"

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Correct Information

Judge—"Why did you steal that watch?"

Prisoner—"I only wanted to know the time."

Judge—"Well, the time is five years. Next case."

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Poor Choice

"I don't like eating hash in a restaurant, where you don't know what's in it."

"That's better than eating it at home, where you do know."

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Make Up Your Mind

"Johnnie, what did you have for breakfast?"

"Teacher, I et six eggs."

"Why, Johnnie! You should say 'ate'."

"Well, maybe it was 'eight' that I et."

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His Soul in His Work

"Why do you call this an enthusiastic stew?"

"The cook put everything he had into it."

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Telling Him

"I wish," he said in exasperation, "that some brainless idiot had proposed to you before we were married."

"He did," replied the wife calmly, "and, worse luck, I married him."

Father's Slipping

Young Bill—"Look at your old worn boots, and your father a shoemaker. You ought to be ashamed of them."

Young Phil—"That's nothing. Your baby brother's got only one tooth and your father's a dentist."

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Golden

Talkative Boarder—"Why do people say 'as smart as a steel trap'? I never could see anything particularly smart about a steel trap."

Elderly Person (in his sweetest voice)—"A steel trap is smart because it knows exactly just the right time to shut up."

Silence reigned.

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Artful Lad!

Mother (at tea)—"Tommy, your hands are dirty."

Tommy—"Yes, Mummy. I didn't wash them so's I'll be ready for gardening directly after tea."

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No Doubt About It

The train was just pulling out of Detroit when a breathless lad dashed to the ticket window.

"Hurry up," gasped the boy. "A round-trip ticket."

"Where to?"

"Why, back here. Where do you think?"

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Vigorous Chap

Customer (heatedly)—"You ought to be in the war instead of in the grocery store."

Proprietor—"What makes you say that?"

Customer—"No enemy could stand up to the way you charge."

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Skill Needed

First Doctor—"I had an unusual case to-day."

Second Doctor—"What was it?"

First Doctor—"I attended a grass widow with hay fever."

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A Poor Shave

Barber—"Will you have something on your face after I finish shaving you?"

Customer—"I doubt it."

Modern Stuff

Mr. Potter, dining at the golf club, was amazed to see his wife in cap and apron approaching the table to take his order.

"What are you doing here?" he asked.

"Well," she replied, "it's so nice to see you sometimes."

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No Gadabout

A big husky from the neighboring lumber camp was watching the unpacking.

"What's them things?" he asked, pointing to a package.

"Pyjamas," replied the clerk.

"Pyjamas? What's pyjamas?"

"Nightclothes. Want to buy a suit?"

"Heck, no!" said the lumberjack. "I ain't no social rounder. When night comes, I go to bed."

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Wearied

"I have been on this train seven years," proudly said the conductor of a slowly moving train.

Passenger—"Is that so? Where did you get on?"

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Localizing It

Man—"Watcha cryin' for?"

Boy—"I lost my nickel."

Man—"Where?"

Boy—"In Virginia."

Man—"How come?"

Boy—"She swallowed it."

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No Better

Judge—"One year and \$50 fine."

Prisoner's Lawyer—"Your honor, I beg the sentence be reversed."

Judge—"Very well. Fifty years and \$1 fine."

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Wrong Number

Lord Blank (on telephone)—"Hello! Hello! Please reserve a box for two for to-morrow night."

Voice—"Sorry, our boxes are only for one."

Lord Blank—"What do you mean? Aren't you the Grand Theatre?"

Voice—"No. I'm Smith, the undertaker."

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Not So Good

Employer—"Have you any references?"

Applicant—"No, sir. I tore them up."

Employer—"That was a foolish thing to do."

Applicant—"You wouldn't think so if you had read them."

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Well Placed

"Isn't your son rather young to be joining the army?"

"Yes, but, you see, he's only in the infantry."

PROTECTOR OF THE POPE

THE STORY OF
ST. BERNARD
Abbot of Clairvaux



ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX WAS BORN IN 1090 NEAR DIJON, FRANCE. BEFORE HIS BIRTH, A DEVOUT MAN FORETOLD HIS GREAT DESTINY.

DRAWN BY
ADDISON
BURBANK

AS A YOUNG BOY, BERNARD SUFFERED FROM SEVERE HEADACHES.



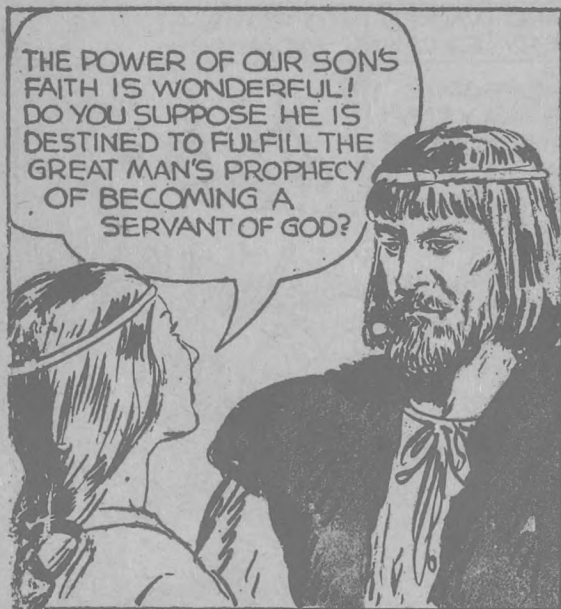
THERE IS A WOMAN HERE, MILADY, WHO SAYS SHE CAN CURE HIM.

O-O-OH! MY HEAD IS SPLITTING!

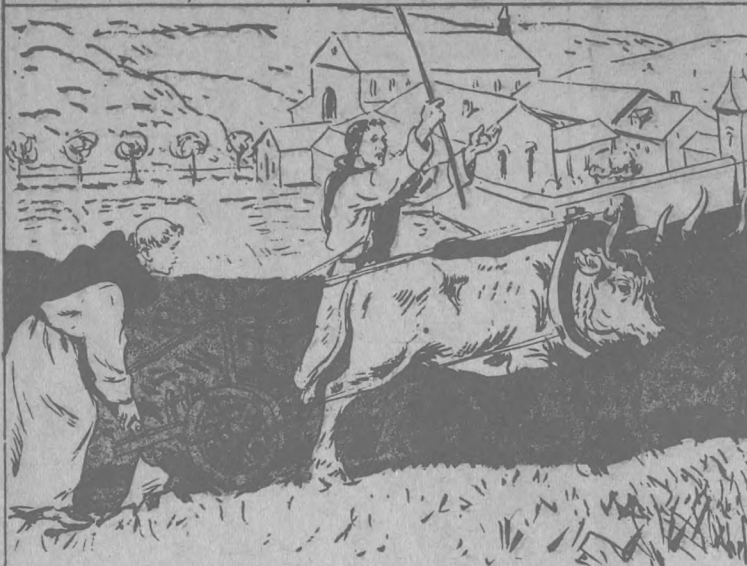
KEEP THIS SECRET CHARM NEAR YOU AND IT WILL CURE YOU.

WHAT? A CHARM...





HE BECAME, IN TURN, PLOWMAN EXTRAORDINARY....



.... ARBITER OF DISPUTES....

BROTHERS, CHRIST CAME TO US TO GIVE US PEACE AND YOU WISH TO MAKE WAR. CHRIST MUST PREVAIL IN YOUR LIVES IF YOU HOPE TO ESCAPE HIS JUDGMENT.



... COUNSELLOR OF KINGS...

SIRE, THE KING OF KINGS HAS TOLD US TO FOLLOW HIM. I LEARN OF HIM!



BERNARD WALKED INTO ROME AT A VERY EXCITING MOMENT.

HAVE THE PEOPLE OF THE HOLY CITY LOST THEIR SENSES?



THE CARDINALS HAVE ELECTED INNOCENT II AS POPE, BUT A USURPER AND HIS ARMY HAVE STEPPED IN.



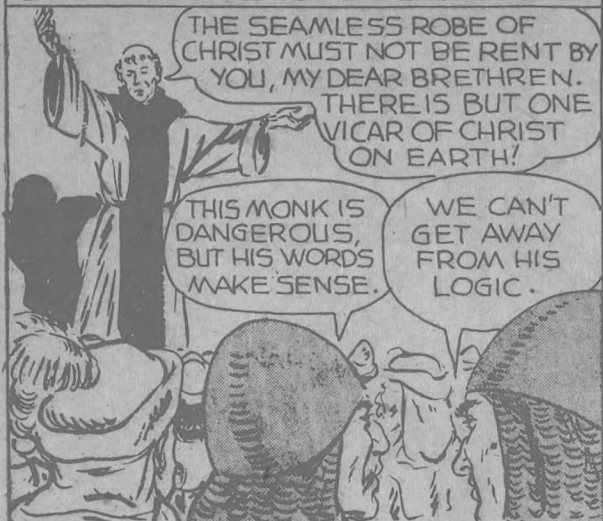
THE RIGHTFUL POPE, INNOCENT II, FLED TO PISA.

WHAT WILL YOUR HOLINESS DO?

I WILL NEVER RESIGN!



SINGLE-HANDED, BERNARD FOUGHT THE BATTLES OF THE DEFENSELESS POPE.



THE SEAMLESS ROBE OF CHRIST MUST NOT BE RENT BY YOU, MY DEAR BRETHREN. THERE IS BUT ONE VICAR OF CHRIST ON EARTH!

THIS MONK IS DANGEROUS, BUT HIS WORDS MAKE SENSE.

WE CAN'T GET AWAY FROM HIS LOGIC.

BERNARD TRIUMPHED. INNOCENT II RETURNED TO HIS THRONE IN ROME.



THE ENEMIES OF THE POPE HAVE ABANDONED THEIR FIGHT!

THE PONTIFF RECOGNIZED BERNARD'S HOLINESS AND OFFERED HIM THE ARCHBISHOPRIC OF RHEIMS.



YOUR HOLINESS, I BEG YOU TO LET ME REMAIN A SIMPLE PRIEST

IN 1143 EUGENIUS III, NOW POPE, OFFERED BERNARD A NEW HONOR.



MY SON, GO AND PREACH A CRUSADE AGAINST THE INFIDEL.

TO WORK FOR CHRIST'S HOLY LAND IS MY GREATEST DESIRE!

BERNARD INFLAMED HALF OF EUROPE WITH HIS ZEAL.



BERNARD BLESSED THE CRUSADERS' BANNERS BEFORE THEY SET SAIL FOR PALESTINE.



BUT THE APPLAUDING WORLD DID NOT KNOW BERNARD, AS HE KNELT TO OUR MOTHER IN THE SILENCE OF THE NIGHT.



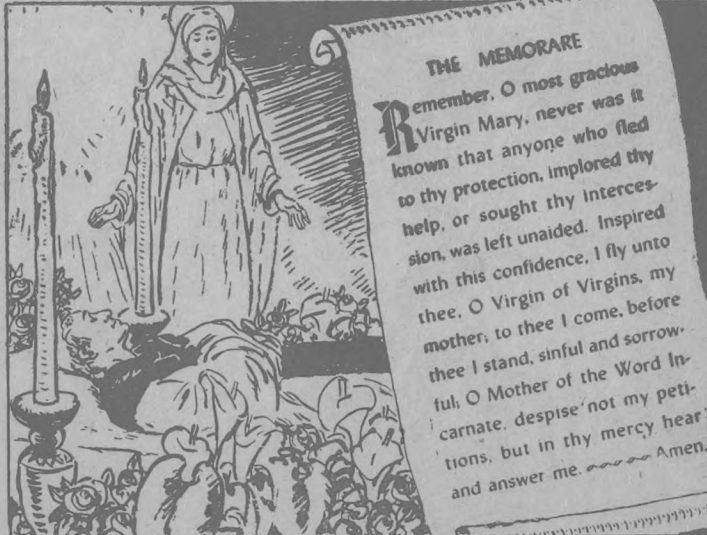
ONE DAY THE MONASTERY WAS SADDENED BY THE DOCTOR'S VERDICT.



MY BRETHREN, WORK AND PRAY AS VALIANT SONS OF MARY!



THE BELLS TOLL THE PASSING OF A GREAT SOUL



TO ST. BERNARD, WHO PROTECTED POPES UNDER THE BLUE MANTLE OF MARY, IS ATTRIBUTED THIS MOST POWERFUL OF PRAYERS TO OUR HEAVENLY MOTHER.

KA NIPA AYAMIAK

(In Cree)

Etasikwaw ayamihe kitchikijikawa, ka nipa ayamihak eoko ayiwak ka miweyitchikatek, misiwe miyawataganiwiw ekuta e kiskisototamuk Jesus o nittakiwin.

Jesus eoko Kije Manito tibiwaye okossisa ka ki pe ayisiniwihituyit waskitaskamik.

Okawiya Marie ki ijihikasuwia, kicitwa Marie eka nando e ki kiskeyimikut nabewa, Jesusa meyosiyit Manitowa ki otc ayawaw.

Ki ki wittamakawinawaw ituke tanisi ka ki ispayiyik ekuspi ka ki nittawikit Jesus Bethlehem, e megwa tipiskayik mustusokamikok ki pe nokusiw eka e ki tawayik kapesiwikamikok.

Ekuta otayattawaw okanawipisiskiwewok e kanaweyimatjik o pisiskimiwawa e tibiskayik, ketawawe kisiwak pe nipawiyiwa okijkowa, mistahi sekisiwok maka ki itikwok okijkowa ekawiya sekisik ekwa ki pe atjimustatinawaw kitci miyawatamowin tcihema anote nittawikiw opimatchihiwew ki ka miskawawaw wewekimit awasis maskusik e pimisik.

Ekusi semak mitcet okijkowok ki pe ayawok mamawi e nakamustwatjik Kijemanitowa e itwejik: kita wi kisteyimow Kijemanito kijikok.

O kanawipisiskiwawok ki naneki itutewok otanasik Bethlehem ejihikateyik, ki miskawawok Mariwa mina Joseph asitji oskawassisa maskusik e pimiyiyinit.

E wabamatjik ki nissitaweyitamwok ka ki wittamakowisitjik eokoni awassisa otchi ekusi ki kiwewok e mamitjimatk Manitowa.

Taneke maka ka ki pe ayisiniwihikut Jesus ki tepi kasihamowew ayisiniwa o masinahikewiniw.

Wiya Jesus ka ki kispinitamawat ayisiniwa ketwam kita ototemikuyit Kijemanitowa.

Namawuya pikonata otehiwaki opimatchihiwew itaw Jesus. Namawuya ki ka ki tepinanaskumaw. Wabamik esinakutciket!

Tapwe piwiyimisuw ani!

Ata e Kijemanitowit kitimakisiwimik keyiwek pe nittawikiw. Kiyawaw ketimakisiyek matjikutitan kanawabamek ki manitowinan e naspitakuyek e okamimikoyak wawate o ka kitci takohikuwayek ayiwan mena wabattamaku. E wi kiskinowabamikusit ko pe ittuttet Jesus ota askik. Kak ki pe iji miyo kiskinotamakoyak akameyiwok kita miyo kanaweyitamwayek.

Sakihik ki Manitowinow wikan ka ki sakihi-koyek.

—A. Josse, O.M.I.

(Published in the first issue of the I.M.R., Jan. 1938)

It is not an idle theory that one strengthens one's will power by exercising it; and mortification is one of the best exercisers.

O CANADA

In Sautaux Language

(N.B.—To be sung on the English notation, two notes on the heavy syllables)

1

O Canada! Keket onijicin
Kit akinan eji mino nakwak;
Tependjiket weweni ko mamoiawamata,
Ka mininang wasseaiwin, nipi, notin, kijik.

Chorus:

Songiteek, ininitok:
Tasso kijik kakwe nipwakakek (bis)

2

Oma aking ki kitci anoki
Kaiate ko ki Manitominan;
Songanini keiapi sa ot ijitcikewin,
Nakwatini ot awiwin, o cawendjikewin.

3

Wawipa ko wi mikwenimata
Tependjiket ka ki ojiinang;
Endat iko eji kitci onijicinik,
Epitci sa minwatisit, ki nandomikonan.

J. Brachet, O.M.I.

Story in Sautaux

Kitcitwa Vincent Ferrier, megwa papa-kakikwed, ningoting o ki nangickawan pejik ininiwan anote iko ki iji matci ijiwebisinit, kaye ki kakitci-matci totaminit. Wabamad dac iw iji kitimagisinit o ki kakikiman tci nanagatawenimanit ot atcakoni, tci kakwe pimadjihanit kaye Maniton tci nansikawanit: o ki kikinohamawan, o ki ojitan, kaye winge o ki widjihan tci anwenindisonit Manito o cawendjikewin dac o ki widjihikon iw iji wikwadjihad kaye iji akamikawad. Aw metci-ijiwebisit wipa ki pi tipadjindiso, ambe epite gackendang kaye epitci enigok mindjinawesid o matciaindowin, pitcinak iko ki anamihekassihamawind, mi cemak ka iji ick wanamod tipadjindisowikamikong kaye ejisitepinit ini kitcitwaininiwan mawinit wabamikud ihi iji winge keget mino-anwenindosod.

A. de L.

Our Lady's hitch-hikers are those who thumb their way to Heaven on the Rosary.

"If we say we are preserving a Christian civilization, we must live it." —Msgr. Sheen.

Life is a series of conversions and perversions to and from the Will of God.

He who follows Christ walks alone even in the midst of a crowd.



PRESENTS

It was a general custom among the Sioux in the olden days to give presents to relatives, a friend, or some public personage, and even to strangers who happened to pass by: to the former as a token of respect or of friendship, to the latter, as a mark of welcome and of peace. This custom was carried from the cradle to the grave.

We find this custom originating thousands of years ago among many peoples and races. Guided by a star, the three wise men visited Jesus at His birth, and presented Him with gifts to honour and welcome Him in the world.

There is the story of the fourth wise man, a King, who sold all he had and bought three precious stones, worth a great deal, and these stones he desired to give the Infant Jesus; but, being a merciful man he failed to arrive with the others to present his gifts to Jesus.

On his way to Bethlehem, this man had met a traveller wounded and left dying by highway robbers; he had compassion on him, and tending to his wounds he placed him in the care of a friend, and gave one of the precious stones he was carrying. Arriving late he found the three wise men gone, and his mount was exhausted, and he was forced to buy another camel to continue his journey; this cost him another stone.

Arriving at Bethlehem, he found that Jesus had fled, and the other wise men had gone back home. So he set in his search of Jesus. He went

to Egypt, hiring himself in menial labour to maintain the expenses of his search. For years and years he looked in vain; it was thirty three years after that, hearing of the fame of Jesus, he retraced his steps to Judea, and then he arrived to find Jesus condemned to death. With a heavy heart he fought his way through the crowds to Mount Calvary.

As he was crossing the city of Jerusalem, he saw a beautiful young maiden being dragged out of her father's home to be sold in payment of her father's debts. The maid, seeing the kingly attire of the traveller, cried to him: "O King! save me from shame." Producing the last precious stone, the only remaining gift he wanted to give Jesus, he offered it to the debtors saying: "Take this for her father's debt. and let her go free." Then he dropped his head and wept, for he had nothing left to give Christ.

Upon being released, the maid fell down at the feet of her rescuer, and clinging to his garment cried with happiness. At the same time the earth shook fearfully, stones fell from the trembling walls, and one of them wounded the traveller.

A great hush fell over the city, the throngs standing silently and filled with fear and expectation of what was to come. The fatally wounded traveller heard a voice from heaven speaking to him amidst his groans of pain: "For I was hungry and you gave me to eat . . . thirsty, and you gave me to drink . . . I was a stranger and you took me in . . . naked, and you covered me . . . sick, and you visited me . . ." He asked: "Lord, when did I see Thee hungry, and I fed Thee? . . . thirsty, and I gave Thee to drink? . . . and when did I see Thee a stranger, and took you in? . . . naked, and I covered Thee? . . ." His failing memory came back for one more instant, and he murmured: "For thirty and three years. I have sought Thee, O Lord, and have not found Thee, I was desirous of seeing Thy Face, but saw it not . . ." The voice from heaven answered him: "Come, possess you the Kingdom prepared for you . . . As long as you did any of these things to these, my least brethren, you have done it to me . . ."

Hearing these consoling words, the fourth wise man fell dying, in the lap of the maiden on whom he had had compassion.

How many of us are following the road that leads to Christ, bearing the gifts for Him, I am wondering? It may be that too many of us remain at home, because of our business, our farm, our trade or occupations, or because we have just been married. Yet the day will come when the earth will be shaken again in its very foundations; the dead will rise, and Christ, appearing in power and majesty will ask of all of us: "What presents do you bring to Me, your God, your Saviour, who offered Myself as the greatest gift on the Cross for your sake?"

John LeCaine.

MORAL AND RELIGIOUS TRAINING OF THE CHILDREN

Paul Piché, O.M.I.

The HOME is the first and most important SCHOOL for the moral and religious training of children. Too often, however, the parents do not realize their important duties. They think more of their children's bodily health, than of the health of the soul, and thus they neglect to preserve them from the occasions of sin which lead to eternal ruin.

Can it be wondered that such children grow up to be disobedient, disrespectful, proud, sensual, and that they find the laws and moral tenets of the Catholic Church too difficult for them, that such children turn out to be wicked and vicious, that they prefer to follow their evil inclinations, and neither fear nor dread sin?

This would not happen if the parents had taught their children, in their childhood, to know and fear God. The school can repair these failures to a certain extent, if the parents help by showing the school staff their sympathy and confidence, and always talk favourably of the school in front of their children.

The Mothers

Nevertheless it remains that the children who are instructed in the precepts of morality and in the teachings of religion by their own mothers are generally stronger in their faith, than those who were taught by teachers in later years. The most the teachers can do is to aid, to continue the work begun at home by the mother. If the child training is totally neglected in the home, no one else is able to make up entirely for this loss.

An Example

It was given an example that illustrates this point very aptly: the parents of a certain child had neglected to give it the food required for the formation and growth of the bones. When the child grew up his bones were too soft and ill-shaped to support the weight of the body. The young man was taken to the best doctors, but they were unable to give back to the patient what he should have received in his early childhood. "There was a time," said the doctor, "when good care and proper food would have saved the child from his present condition, when nature was building the framework of the body, but now it is too late."

So it is with a child's moral and religious heritage. If the home fails to provide the child with a proper training the school and the Church can do very little to overcome the shortcomings of a neglected education.

A Serious Obligation

You must realize, dear parents, that you are bound by a divine law to teach and train your young children in moral and religious habits. Teach them at an early age to make the Sign of the Cross, to say the names of Jesus and Mary; teach them the Our Father, the Hail Mary; instruct them in the existence of God, of the soul, the angels, of heaven for the good, and hell for the wicked.

All this can be done so easily by the mother. And the most powerful means to develop in the child religious habits that will remain with him all his life is the feautiful custom of night prayer in common at home. It calls down the blessings of God in great abundance on all the members of the family.

THE INDIANS' TRUEST FRIEND

INTRODUCTION

We read in St. James' Epistle that faith must inspire our life and actions. It would be of no avail to believe in Christ and not to obey the Ten Commandments. To honour God with words only is useless, if charity, arising from faith, is not blossoming in works of mercy. Among these works, as listed in the Bible, we must give good counsel, instruct the ignorant, admonish the sinners, comfort the sorrowful. We must forgive wrongs and injuries. We must pray for all, and we must help the needy. True Christians will do that for Christ, remembering the words: "As long as you did it to one of these, My least brethren, you did it to Me." (Matt. 25, 40).

Many are those who followed the divine advice "not to love only in word and tongue, but in deed and in truth" (I. John 3, 18) even at the very cost of their lives. Men, women, by the thousands, have left their homes, their country, all those dear to them, to devote themselves to their less fortunate brethren. "Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15, 13).

The Missionaries Came to the Americas

Anyone reading these lines should try to imagine what it means to a Missionary to leave his country, and go abroad among peoples different in every way, to live with them, learning their language, way of life, customs. For whose sake? Is it for making money? No, far from it. Is it for a more pleasant life? No. Is it for glory? Not at all, since they were to remain ignored, living an obscure, humble life.

Many of these men and women who have left France, Spain, Portugal, England and Ireland, were of good education; they could have made an honourable living at home, enjoying a happy life. Many belonged to nobility; some were very rich;

most had spent years in colleges and universities. They left everything to bring Christianity to the ancestors of the Indians, all over the Americas. Chief Donnaconna, of Quebec, was converted to the faith in 1535; in 1610 the Recollects were at work among the Hurons; in 1625 the Jesuit Fathers came to New France; in 1657 the Sulpicians came to the colony. In the United States the Dominican and Franciscan Fathers were engaged in mission work as early as 1532; dioceses were organized in South America in 1570; and for a hundred years the Jesuits, who had charge of over 100,000 Indians in Paraguay, gave them the famed "Reductions" in which the Indians found a better living than they ever had in history, under the spiritual and material guidance of 500 priests.

Persecutions

It must be remembered that the missionaries' work is no soft job, no bed of roses. These priests, monks, nuns, came only for the love of God and of the Indians. They had to cross the ocean in sail-boats, travelling for months on the sea; in America they moved about by canoe, on horseback, on foot, through unknown territories; they lived among fierce heathen, who hated the whites because of the greed of the traders, the cruelty of the soldiers, the ruthlessness of the adventurers. The missionaries were often persecuted by their own compatriots, who sought wealth above all, and who resented the interference of the priests in their unscrupulous methods.

Martyrs

From 1542 to 1833, one hundred and fifteen priests and religious died for their faith. More perished in exploring expeditions, or in the line of duty, by illness, hunger, storms, etc. Those who died for their faith were killed, tortured, poisoned by the pagans. Long before the advent of the U.S. Republic, and of the Dominion of Canada, this country had been drenched with the blood of martyred Catholic missionaries. God only knows the hidden sacrifices, the sweat and tears, the daily work and trials, the daily death of these men and women who laboured for years before obtaining the friendship and confidence of the natives, and conquer their hearts.

Their Fortitude

They had to rely on God only; their only weapons were prayer and penance; to perform their noble task, they had freely bound themselves by the religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience; their only resources came from the charity of their friends and relatives beyond the seas. They often built with their own hands the churches, the schools, the hospitals for the Indians. They suffered untold humiliations and pains, to conquer every one to Christ; they had to fight against the superstitions of the pagans, the wiles of the medicine-men, the ignorance and

indifference of the people, the ill-will of the sinners; they had to vanquish poverty, isolation, and discouragement, in strange lands, under the heat of the sun in the southern deserts, or in the cold of the icy barren lands, lost in the immensity of the prairies and of the infinite forests; hungry, lonesome, hated, scorned, misunderstood.

Their lives were but the repetition of the history of the Church in other lands. Read the life of St. Paul, or that of St. Peter, and you will find the same heroic quest for souls, a quest which will go on to the end of times, and which shows that the Church of God is a perpetual miracle, explained only by the divine mission of Christ: "Go and teach all nations."

Spiritual Conquest

The Indians of Canada must keep in their hearts the remembrance of these men and women who gave themselves the mission of bringing and fostering the gifts of God. Faith must be a wonderful treasure, to keep at any cost, when we realize what God is able to do through His Son and His priests, and His people. The Church lives again the very life of Christ. Ignored, hated, slandered, persecuted, yet it triumphs through sacrifice.

To love something we must know about it; our personal experience is limited. Why not ask history to tell us about the wonderful conquest of the Indians the Church has made? It will be the aim of following articles to open, page by page, the saga of this extraordinary epic.

Co-operate in Catholic Action

Dear Indians, brethren in Christ, you will see what Jesus has done in order to bring you the gift of Faith; then you will show more gratitude to your spiritual fathers in the Faith; you will try, with renewed ardour, to live by the standards of the true religion, you will co-operate in Catholic Action, helping the priests to bring to Christ your relatives, friends and neighbours.

The missionaries have not come like traders, to get rich; they have not come like the conquistadores to amass gold; they have not come like the colonists to take away your land, nor like the plantation owners, to enslave you; nor like the soldiers, to vanquish you. They came only for the sake of your souls, because they loved you and wanted to show you the way to heaven. Read about the almost incredible tales of courage and fortitude which they have written with their sweat and blood, and you will find that they were, that they are now, and always will be, your friends, true and loyal to the end.

G. de Bretagne, O.M.I.

(To Be Continued)

It is God Who decides what is a sin and what is not. Man's opinion matters not.

HONOR ROLL

In order to have a complete record of all the Catholic members of Indian Reserves who are serving in His Majesty's Services, please send the I.M. Record a copy of your honor roll.—Names of all members, including women's divisions, should include the regimental number, rank, unit, and the mention C.A.O. if serving overseas.

The I.M. Record will be happy to publish such rolls as are sent to the editor. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

RECENT SAUTEUX (OTCHIPWE) PUBLICATIONS

My Sunday Missal, Stedman, English and Sautaux texts 25c each.
Sautaux Hymnal, with musical notation 50c
 Both can be had had at: Fort Alexander Indian School, Pine Falls, Ont., P.O. Box 97.

RECENT CREE PUBLICATIONS

Cree Hymns (193 pp. large size) 1941 60c
 (Indian School, Grouard, Alta.)
Cree Hymnal (57 pp. small size 1943 16c
 (R.C. Mission, Hobbema, Alta.)
Prayer and Hymn Book (Syllabic) 1942 75c
 (Bishop's Residence, LePas, Man.)
The Holy Gospels (Syllabic) 1943 \$1.00
 (Oblate Fathers, 8406-91st St., Edmonton, Alta.)
Recordings in Cree (Hymns),
 3 records each \$1.00
 (Indian School, Duck Lake, Sask.)

These recordings are reviewed elsewhere in this issue of the I.M.R.

Prayer for Vocations

O Mary Immaculate, Mother of Jesus and Queen of Vocations, whose most ardent desire is the Conversion of the World to your Son, deign to turn a look of mercy and tenderness on the Indians and Eskimos of Canada. Hasten the spread, amongst them, of the light of the Gospel, by granting them priests and religious souls of their nation. Give the grace of apostleship and the desire of perfection to many of every tribe and tongue, so that, in the near future, all may be reunited in the only fold of the Good Shepherd. Amen!

† H. J. O'Leary,
 Archbishop of Edmonton.

Some people exercise their spiritual muscles so rarely that when they do use them they think they injured themselves.

Peace on Earth

Now as the bells of Christmas time
 Are telling once again
 The age-old message of Good Will
 And peace on earth to men.

Our hearts are filled with fervent prayers
 That war and strife may cease
 And all the world may know once more
 The blessing of His peace.

AN APOLOGY

Our apologies to disappointed readers for being so late again this month. We have a definite promise from our printer that the I.M.R. will be issued earlier in the month during 1944. Everyone is so short of help; and postal congestion during December further retarded the mailing of the Record.

?? THE QUESTION BOX ??

Why is it that the Catholic Church is so often persecuted?

There are many and various reasons, but His Church is being persecuted for the same reasons that Christ was persecuted in His time. Christ told His Apostles, "If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before you. If you were of the world, the world would love what is its own. But because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I have spoken to you: No servant is greater than his master. If they have persecuted Me, they will persecute you also" (John 15: 18-20). Persecution then is an unmistakable sign of divine approval upon our Catholic faith.

How many Catholics are there in the world?

The 1943 supplement to the Encyclopedia Britannica says that the Catholic population of the world in 1942 was between 399 and 400 million faithful. It is also stated that there are 49 Cardinals, 13 Patriarchs, around 2,000 Bishops and over 300,000 Priests, and 789,339 members of religious orders.

How many are there in Canada?

4,980,749 Catholics, of a total population of nearly 11,500,000 (1941 census). It is estimated that 53 percent of the Indian population is Catholic. Of 118,378 Indians in Canada, 62,095 are Roman Catholics (1942 census).

The Message of Christmas

AND it came to pass that in those days there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled.

This enrolling was first made by Cyrenus, the governor of Syria.

And all went to be enrolled, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David.

To be enrolled with Mary, his espoused wife, who was with child.

And it came to pass that when they were there her days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him up in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds watching, and keeping the night-watches over their flock.

And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the brightness of God shone round about them, and they feared with a great fear.

And the angel said to them: "Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people;

"For this day is born to you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David.

"And this shall be a sign unto you: you shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will."

And it came to pass, after the angels departed from them into Heaven, the shepherds said one to another: "Let us go over to Bethlehem, and let us see this word that its come to pass, which the Lord hath showed to us."

And they came with haste; and they found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

And seeing, they understood of the word that had been spoken to them concerning this child.

And all that heard, wondered; and at those things that were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these words, pondering them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them. (*Luke 2, 1-20*)